

Dear Finance Committee,

I am writing a letter concerning SF 0070 that the Finance Committee will be discussing on February 9th, 2023 at 8:30am.

I support this bill because it is removing Section 10 Subdivision 1b regarding public funds being used for abortion services. I support public funds being used for abortion services.

I support the removal of the stricken language in Section 8 Subdivision 16, as well as the removal of Section 8 Subdivision 16a, b, and c. I do support that the abortion should be performed in accordance with all applicable Minnesota laws, but I do not support that it should be deemed medically necessary by the provider. I believe that there are more reasons as to why an abortion is necessary than only medically, such as financially or simply the choice to not carry out a pregnancy. This requirement infringes on the mother's right to choice and autonomy.

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